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Editorials

Girls' Basket Ball

When the Girls' Basket Ball teams played a double game on Wednesday, February 15, they started something new by excluding the boys from these games. The spectators were the girls of the school, interested mothers, and the lady members of the faculty. The game was a great success. Enthusiasm filled the gym, and no masculine applause was missed. Salina is not the first high school to advocate girls basket ball games for the entertainment of the girls alone. Miss Hungate, the physical director, believes that such a plan develops better playing and is in accordance with the best and latest judgment on athletic contests among the girls.

High School Mufflers

Ben Johhson could have found a fit subject for his "Silent Woman" in S. H. S. The girls of the school though possessing num-

erous admirable qualities, have fallen into the habit of thinking that the school public is deaf and that they are commissioned to carry on conversation in a fire alarm tone. If the girls feel as ill as their shrieks would indicate, there is a grand opening for a doctor in S. H. S. The shouting in the upper halls before school sessions deadens all normal sounds, prevents sociability, and invites a first bell before the appointed minute.

A loud voice and uncalled-for boisterous yelling show a lack of self-possession and poise on the part of the girls. These are some of the things that a high school attempts to eliminate. The freshman, though flagrantly guilty, can be excused on the plea that babies must strengthen their lungs, but the juniors and seniors have no such excuse. Needless noises in school are worth considering.

Elbow Chivalry The days of chivalry have returned to Salina High School. Young gentlemen are frequently late to class because they have gallantly taken the time to conduct young ladies safely to their class rooms. Ladies are never allowed to "languish on the balconies" now-a-days, for young gallants occupy every spare moment. Exchanges of sociability are carried on between classes until the teacher or the third bell breaks up these delightful visiting spells.

But where in "Robert's Rules of Order" do the young gentlemen get the authority to tow young ladies up the stairs and through the halls by the elbow? Such gallantry is not in harmony with good form; besides, it s liable to soil the lady's sleeve. The elbow escort is only one example of misdirected chivalry. Don't make up your own rules of etiquette. Follow the conventions imposed by socity, otherwise your attentions may appear ridiculous.

High School Cafateria

The Salina High has a cafateria. At least fifty boys and girls have abandoned the lunch basket with its hard-boiled eggs and peanut butter sandwiches and lunch in room 7. The food is prepared by the morning classes in domestic science and served by the cooks from the fourth hour period. Besides giving the domestic science classes the practical experience they desire, it provides a warm well balanced lunch for those who spend the noon hour in school.

The high school cafateria supplies a long felt need as a considerable number of the high school students live some distance from the school, a return at the noon hour is not only inconvenient, but in many cases, it's impossible. The success of the cafateria is assured by enthusiastic patronage.

Those Exams Again

Questions to right of me,
Questions to left of me,
Questions in front of me,
Written and thundered.
Stormed at with "why" and "tell,"
Boldly I wrote and well,
But into the jaws of death,
Into the mouth of Hell,
Rode my one hundred.

Skinney's Treasure Hunt

Karl Umholtz '17

CHAPTER II.

According to old timers of the village a Frenchman by the name of Jacques Boiscoran came to Bayport and built the mansion across the bay. For a quarter of a century the big house was the scene of wholesome life and gayety. When the Civil War broke out Boiscoran and his wife gave their sons to the South and waited hopelessly for their return. One night near the close of the war a band of guerillas terrorized Bayport, ramsacked the mansion across the bay and murdered its inmates.

After the war the old house became the property of a cousin in Charlestown. His visits to the place were of interest to the villagers who suspected that he came to search for some of the gold that Boiscoran had spent so freely during his life-time. At length his visits ceased, and the old house, left to weather and decay, became the haunted house of the superstitious old generation of Bayport.

It was certainly a lonely spot, no other house in sight for the view of the village was cut off by the shifting sand dunes, and a dense growth of timber extended far beyond the mansion. Many years ago a public highway had run along the coast from Bayport to another village seven miles distant, but had been discontinued on account of the treacherous dunes which even threatened to cover the old mansion itself.

"It's sure a spooky-looking place," remarked one of the boys as they stood in the long- forgotten roadway. "I don't believe I'd relish visiting the place at midnight."

"Oh, it wouldn't be bad if you had a light," answered Skinney.

The boys stood still and listened. The only sounds

that broke the stillness that surrounded the deserted house were the twitterings of the birds in the dense shrubbery of the yard and the lapping of the waves behind them. Boldly the boys entered what had once been a fine garden. The pathway was now over-run with weeds and bushes, and they had to pick their way with care.

"Look out that you don't fall through and get lost fellows," cautioned Ted stepping on the piazza. "This floor sure is rotten."

They pushed open the door and entered a large vestibule. A scurrying noise along the hall and in the adjoining rooms startled them.

"What's that?" asked Slats nervously.

"Nothing but rats," replied Skinney.

"Gracious! It's damp enough in here to go swimming."

"Let's go to the top," grunted Skinney.

"Fair enough," answered the others, and started up the creaking flight of stairs. As they ascended the last flight which led to the garret hordes of bats flew out of the window.

"Good gracious! just look at the bats," exclaimed Ted. "Bats always associate with spooks. Don't they Skinney?"

"Naw", retorted Skinny, "Only with cabbage heads!"

"Wow!" exclaimed Slats. "No insinuations I hope?"

"Just for that we'll lock him up in this garret to prove his statement, won't we fellows?"

Skinney struggled valiantly, but he was overpowered by sheer force of numbers, and thrust back into the garret. Then the door was closed and bolted on the outside.

"I'll get out in about two jiffys," retorted Skinney eyeing the dusty garret with displeasure. He examined the door and found it to be made in panels, which could be easily broken. Spying an old chair, he began the task of battering out the panels. After a few minutes work it was a simple matter to reach through and slide the bolt back.

"Easy," muttered Skinney to himself and slowly descended the stairs. As he was going down the second flight, a loose piece of wall paper attraced his attention. Now an ordinary broken piece would have passed unnoticed, for the paper and plastering had fallen away from the walls in many places. But this piece was not ordinary. It was about six inches across, cut in a perfect square, one side of which remained dangling to the wall.

"Funny I never noticed that before," remarked Skinny to himself as he began to examine it. "Looks like it'd been glued in there and had lost its stickiness and dropped away," he continued, feeling the spot with his fingers. "Hello, a loose brick! Well, this is sure interesting!"

Hastily he procured his pocket knife and pried the brick from the wall. Reaching his hand into the hole he discovered a piece of folded paper. He stared at it, at first with uncomprehending eyes, then with interest and finally with excitement. What he saw was a jumble of figures surrounding a freehand drawing.

"6, 9, 14, 4, 20, 18. 5, 1, 19, 21, 18, 5---" muttered Skinney to himself. "I don't get any sense out of that. Gee! I'll bet it's a cryptogram-- written out in cipher—that's it, I know. It's the secret to the Boiscoran money."

Wouldn't it be great to put it over the fellows and find it himself? Skinney's thoughts ran away with him until disturbed by the voice of his chums on the floor below.

"Hey, Skinney," a voice yelled up at him.

"Coming," he returned as he hastily thrust the cryptogram into his pocket and, regaining his composure, started down the steps.

The boys spent an hour fooling around the mansion during which time Skinney had no chance to look at the cryptogram which he was eager to decipher. At length they piled into the boat and in a short time were back in the village. Skinney left the crowd at the dock and started for home. In his room he locked the door and pulled the cryptogram out of his pocket. Placing it on the table, he bent over it, and with knitted brows began a serious study of the puzzle.

After ten minutes the knits in his brow began to disappear and in their place a ruddy glow of elation overspread his face.

"Why it can't be," he muttered to himself still unconvinced. "Why it's so simple!"

Again Skinney went over his solution. He was afraid that he was dreaming. But after the third demonstration he knew that in his hands lay the solution to the mystery that had baffled the inhabitants of Bayport for half a century. The treasure was just as good as found. "Oh joy, joy, joy, joy and more joy!!!" he gasped.

After supper Skinney seated himself in the living-room and tried to read. But somehow printed matter had no interest. His mind kept wandering to the treasure at the old mansion, his hand to his pocket to feel if the cryptogram was still there. Suddenly he became possessed with the idea of getting his treasure at once. Ghosts were fairy tales to him, and darkness could be dispelled with a pocket flashlight without so much as inconvenience.

After a torturous wait bedtime came, the house grew still, and Skinney stealthily set out on his adventure.

To be concluded

Speeding after Hours.

HARDY PADGETT

Jimmie had not worked in a garage five years for nothing; his chance had come at last. On the morrow he was to ride in his first road race.

"Lucky dog" he said to himself, taking off his greasy overalls and flinging them in a corner. "I'd rather take that ride than own the whole Ford plant." And he rushed out of the garage to spread the good news.

The hour for the start of the race that was to lead through sand and alkalai to the coast had arrived. Jimmy sat begoggled and hooded in the low hung racer watching the cars start in squads of five; slowly at first, then with ever increasing speed disappear with a roar of their exhausts in a cloud of white alkalai dust, that drifted back on the good-natured and surging crowd.

At last Jimmy's machine was called, and the white car with him and his companion, likewise faded away in a cloud of choking dust.

The roar of the engine was terrific, and thrill after thrill electrified Jimmy as he crouched down in the speeding, bouncing car and saw the road pass from under like a ribbon. After a few miles their car passed two of their predecessors as if they were barely moving. Jimmy had never ridden so fast; even the hills seemed to rise up to meet them. Mile after mile passed under his eyes, glued on the endless road. With the speed of a bullet they overtook the pilot car and left it far behind.

The roar of the engine increased. Jimmy's eyes blurred even through the goggles and he closed his eyes to shut out the glare of the blinding white road.

When he next opened them, the car was rounding

the top of a long steep hill and commencing on a straight drop down the slope. Half way down loomed a stunning obstruction. Jimmys staring eyes refused to beeve what they saw, for there directly across the road in their very path lay a huge tree. Paralyzed with fear Jimmy gave one glance at the huddled figure at the wheel. It never moved. Jimmy closed his burning eyes and waited for the end. He wondered if the other world was as bad as he had been taught. Bang! up, up he rose like a sky rocket to fall as suddenly as he had risen. He landed with a terrible concussion and a moment later sat up bewildered rubbing a tender spot on his head.

"Get up Jimmy if you expect to get to the garage in time," came from the kitchen above the rattle of pots and pans as his mother hurried about in the tuneful preparation of breakfast.

How To Find Out If She Has a Date

[*Without letting her know*]

S. H. S. Boy (Calling up for a date) " 697 please —Hello, is Josephine there?—May I speak to her?—Hello, Josephine?—How are you?—You well?—That's fine. Do you know who this is talking?—You don't? —Well that sure makes me mad. It seems to me after we have lived in the same town for—yes your right it took you an awful long time to find out. Say who are you going to the dance with Friday night?—Oh! so he is the lucky man. I just wanted to know so I could get a dance with you. You know I'd rather dance with you than most any one else. Well I'll see you Friday night. Be good—Good bye." He then proceeds to call up another girl.—Daily Kansan.



"Dutch"



"The Bunch"



"Let's go"



"Dan"

Fun on the Smoky Hill River

Juliett Wakenhut

The different seasons of the year furnish many different sports on the Smoky Hill River for the people of Salina. In the spring during the spring rains the fish bite best. Little boys dig around in their father's garden for bait. Usually as a result a row of peas or maybe some lettuce does not come up. After they have enough bait, they disappear and come hone in the evening with a fish, maybe. At the dam there are usually a number of men who set lines. These men sit lazily on the banks waiting all day for a bite, and very seldem get any fish.

In summer swimming is popular. The best swimming holes are at Prescott Avenue and near Upper Mills. About this time Johnnie's freckles appear, and by fall his face is brown. Canoeing is best in the summer. It is fun to drift along with the current and splash your hands in the water.

Many people like the winter best because then they can skate. When the word goes round that the ice bears, there is a frantic search in every house for skates. Every one is in a hurry to skate all he can before the season is over. The skating does not last long in Salina. The young people of Salina would miss a great deal of fun if there was no Smoky Hill River.

I like the river best of all in the fall. The vines and trees are all turning such beautiful colors, especially the sumach and ivy. In the fall of the year I like to ramble along and look at the beautiful foliage. A good way to enjoy the beautiful coloring of the vines and trees is to take a boat ride down the river.

News

When you hear of some occurence
Step right in;
We will greet you with a "howdy" and a grin,
For we like to print the news;
And 'twill save our only shoes,
If we do not have to chase the items in.—
[Lost, strayed or stolen.]

The dedicatory services of the Lincoln High School were given on the evening of Lincoln's birthday, Feb.12. The auditorium was well filled, and the guests took great interest in inspecting the splendid building. Pupils of the school acted as guides and explained the good points of the structure to the visitors.

Dr. J. F. Harmon, president of the Wesleyan University, made the dedicatory address; O. D. Walker, president of the school board, spoke of the plans and purposes of the school board; Jas. A. Kimball expressed the views of the community in regard to the handsome new structure and principal F. J. Mercer responded for the teaching corps. Supt. W. S. Heusner led the reponsive dedicatory service. The music rendered by the Washington H.S orchestra and Boys Glee club, was enjoyed by the audience.

According to J. W. Searson, professor of English in K.S.A.C., the public spends more than 300 hours in reading magazines and newspapers for every hour spent in reading the approved standard classics. He seemed to think that this fact was deplorable, but we'll guarantee that any Junior who is taking Englsh 6 will most emphatically disagree with him.

Pupils of the Lincoln High and Washington High schools were given the privilege of inspecting the exhibits of the Kansas State Health Car, on Feb.12-14. Groups of thirty left the school at intervals of twenty minutes so that all would be given the chance to attend. The exhibits were interesting and the lectures given by those in charge were well worth hearing.

The first group to leave—the agriculture and boys physics classes of Washington High school—was misdirected and nearly an hour was spent in locating the "Health Car."

A night session of the Salina Public Schools opened February 21 at the Lincoln School with an enrollment of sixty students. The course offered includes penmanship, bookkeeping, stenography, shorthand business English, commercial arithmetic, algebra and citizenship. Miss Rose Treat, Miss Agnes Wolsiefer, Mr. Weiss and Mr. Mercer, all teachers in the Salina school are the instructors. The classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

We see by newspapers that the naval recruiting agents have been instructed to immediately enlist 25,000 additional men. It seems that S.H.S. must stand another assault from the recruiting station; and by the way, the local recruiter has been extremely successful in his former attempts.

Rehearsals for the opperetta "The Chimes of Normandy" are in full swing under the supervision of Miss Vera Eberhardt. The play will be given in the Convention Hall shortly after Easter.

The school board generously denoted Washington's birthday, Thursday, Feb. 22, as a holiday to the students and faculty of the Salina schools. The holiday was greatly appreciated and many out of town students utilized the opportunity to visit home folks.

Miss Flack of New York, national secretary of high chool and college Y. W. work spoke in chapel on Wednesday, February 7.

Perhaps few of you know that this is the seventh anniversary of the "HABIT." However 'tis true. The first issue of the "HABIT," which was published in February 1911, was a lively little copy of twenty pages. According to Karl Miller, who was printing instructor at the time, they had no littie trouble in printing it. As "Printing" had just been inaugurated in the school curriculum, there were no expert type-setters, such as Lloyd Sterner, for instance; and to cap it all, the electric motor, which was to be used to run the press, had not arrived. But the "Staff" was not a bit daunted, they had the courage of the heroes of old, and more ideas than a Ford has rattles. They had promised the students a H.S. paper and they were going to move heaven and earth to see that they got it on time. They did not have to move the earth, but they did have to move that press. There seemed to be no other way out of it, so they took off their coats and started the press revolving themselves. Extra help was recruited from the study-hall, and working in shifts of two, three-hundred copies of the first "HABIT" were put through the human propelled press. Some work! We say so! ! Can you beat that for school spirit?

The name "Habit" was suggested by Mr. Avery, who was principal at the time. There has been a statement made that he went thro the dictionary to find a

suitable name. We say it must have been a pocket edition.

The first HABIT staff was composed of the following:—Editor, Emmett McConche; associate, Dorothy Fitzpatrick '13; literary, Dora Koehler '11; humor, John Fenn '13; exchange, John Green '11; athletics, Karl Dalrymple '13; alumni, Rosemary Wolsieffer '11.

The Seniors have selected and ordered their class pins. The pin is of solid gold and set with mother of pearls. The design is of unusual beauty, and represents the latest thing in class pins.

The sunbeams steal over the hill to draw the Dew-drops,(the diamonds which night has dropped) resting on downy pillows of Gossamer Webs, which are little bits of night's trailing garments, torn off as she fled. Do you catch the "drift?" Ah surely you do; 'tis from "Pan on a Summers Day," a cantata which was given by the seventh and eighth grades of the Lincoln high school on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 16 and Friday evening, Feb. 17 at Lincoln high. The pupils 125 in number did exceptionally well and special credit must be given Miss Nelle Elrod, music supervisor, who spent several weeks in rehearsing the cantata. Solos were given by Madeline Donmyer, Gilbert Sturtz, Paul Berger, Juliette Buell and Jeanette Strickler.

A short time ago we read an account in the newspaper where a West Virginia boy went eighteen years without a hat. "Shades of Sir Francis Bacon"! And to think that the average high school boy can barely exist with half a dozen a year.

FRESHMEN ATTENTION!! The interest in the Story Hour at the public library is growing. Wed-

nesday February 7, 182 children were present. They gathered around Miss Bernice Mitchell and listened intently, while she told them the story of "Epaminondas," of the "Tar Baby," and of "The Little Soldier." If you have not attended yet you have is sed a great deal little tots. Ask your mother to let you come the next time, and for further particulars inquire of the librarian.

The Association of the city teachers entertained Tuesday evening, Feb.6 in the Lincoln high school building. M members gathered in the auditorium for a program, after which the seventy teachers present spent an informal hour in the gymnasium. Refreshments were served in the domestic science room. A Victrola furnished music during the supper.

At the monthly meeting of the St.Johns' Lutheran church council for February, Mr. Alfred J. Beil, a senior in the high school was elected Congregational Lay Reader. Mr. Beil will assist the pastor frequently in rgulaer services and occupy the pulpit during his absence. Mr. Beil is preparing for the Lutheran ministry and the council will recommend that he be appointed a Synodical Lay Reader by the President of the Synod.

A bust of Washington was presented to the high school on February 21 by Supt. W. S. Heusner, in behalf of the board of education. William Shakespeare who took his stand on the auditorium platform April 1916, now has a companion.

The associate editors of the HABIT are going to get out the March issue. Plans for this issue are already under way.

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Athletics

Salina 41—Lindsborg 35

In this game we started with a rush and ended poorly. It was only the long lead gained in the first half which saved Salina from defeat. Score at end of first half stood 27 to 14. Only two field goals were obtained in the second half. Brill's work and long shots were factors in filling up the score in the first half. The margin of victory in this game was the smallest of any game yet but it was enough.

Salina 35—Manhattan 40

Manhattan broke Salina's record of seven successive victories. This was partly due to the fact that Bennett and Brassfield were disabled at the same time and while they were out Manhattan piled up a lead of 18 points in the first half. In the second half the Manhattan team was overwhelmed but the lead was too great and the final whistle blew when the Salina bunch was within five points of tying the score. Not withstanding this defeat, the Salina team still has the best record in the fifth district,

Salina 65—Minneapolis26

Salina started off in this game with a rush and made one goal after another in spite of the fact that the Minneapolis goal had a glass back stop. The first half ended with tha score 42 to 12. In the second half Coach put subs in place of Vanorden and Bennett but with this handicap Salina increased her score to 65. The stars in this game were Brill, Vanorden and Bergsten who were kept busy shooting goals.

Salina 38—Chapman 22

Salina started weak and held a lead of only 12 to 10 at the end of the first half. At this point victory for Salina seemed uncertain. In the second half, however, Salina's team work was much improved and left the Chapman players far behind. Bergsten starred in this game at forward where he was aided by Vanorden.

Salina 39—Ellsworth 32

Salina defeated Ellsworth in the fasted and hardest fought game of the season on our home field. The game was well attended, and the crowd was enthusiastic. Each team entered the game with an unbroken record. Brill was the star of this game with Brassfield and Bergsten close seconds This victory is the sixth straight win and gives Salina the ascendency over all other teams in the fifth district.

Salina 39 — Manhattan 26

Salina's light but fast team outclassed Manhattan's heavier team in the fastest game of the season. Salina's teamwork featured in this game. The first half ended with the score of 17 to 14. In the second half Salina kept up the good work and increased it's lead to 39 to 26.

Salina 38 — Chapman 21.

Salina on this occasion played a double barrelled game and both barrells broke the traps. The first team cleaned up on Chapman 38 to 21, and the second shut out St. Johns 20 to 0. The home team tore things up and had it all over the Chapman bunch for

real playing. The crowd was small, but it responded enthusiastically to good playing. The spectators carried home the idea that Salina has a winning team. Our second team was a jinx to the St. Johns bunch. Salina High has an idea that this team can run up a winning score on the average first teams of the league.

SALINA 45-LINDSBORG 33

Salina cinched the championship of Central Kansas schools of over one hundred enrollment at the Wesleyan Gymnasium on February 23. The game stood doubtful in the opening plays but as it developed victory for Salina became certain. The first half closed with 10 points in Salina's favor. The game was hard fought and fast with both team playing well. The stars for Salins included the entire team, every man doing stellar work. Brill was the pivot for practically every successful play. Nichols showed good form at guard and gives promise of a next season star. The Lindsborg boys fought to the finish but were out-classed by Beach's men.

The Cawker city team defeated Tescott on this occasion and won, thereby, the championship for schools of less than a hundred enrollment.

Girls' Basket Ball

SOPHOMORES VS SENIORS 35—5.
JUNIORS VS FRESHMEN 10—5.

Girls basket ball teams have been organized in the various classes and their games are proving an attraction for the girls. On Thursday afternoon February 15, these teams began a series of interclass games which resulted in victories for the sophomores an juniors. The games are possibly interesting, but the athletic reporter can not speak with authority, since he is a boy and boys are excluded. The only method of retaliation that suggests itself is to exclude the girls from the boys games.

The objections, however, are that such a plan would take all the punch out of basket-ball games and lower the receipts at the door. The girls however, may know what they are about, as there are not many attractions which girls may attend without being tagged around by those animals popularly known as boys.

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The Domestic Science classes are deriving much pleasure from the infomal little luncheons which are given Thursday noons. Two members act as hostesses. Six guests are allowed at each luncheon, two from the class, two faculty members and two outsiders.

The high school cafateria opened its lunch room on Monday, Febuary 19. Forty-three students were served the first day.

The burning of the Jenkin's music store at noon hour played havoc with the attendance record on February 7.

The Misses Miles and White entetained the ladies of the faculty at a one o'clock luncheon on February 22.

NOTICE EXTRAORDINARY TO THE SENIORS! Tell your father not to buy any more coal this winter. Soon you will receive literature from colleges all over the United States. This material makes excellent fuel for the furnace. In moderate weather a bundle placed in each room will keep the house comfortably warm. Be sure to leave a window open to allow a circulation of air. Convection currents, such as are used in furnace construction, is the principle involved.

It would be well for out of town students to make arrangements with a local junk-dealer, to have him call once a week. Easy money may be earned thru this medium, as they pay 75 cents a hundred for paper of this quality.

Humor

Brill in despair, reading the usual foot joke in the "Habit." What's good for big feet?

Dwight N. Big shoes.

"Hard Hit."

"Then this," asked rejected James, "is absolutely final?"

"Quite," said Dorothy, "shall I retun your letters?"

"Yes, please," answered poor James. "There's good materal in them that I can use again. Ex.

First Sophomore, Looking for Irving's Short Stories: Where is "The Devil and Tom Walker?"

Second Sophomore: In the office.

Things that Never Happen at S. H. S.

Mildred D. giving attention.
Howard Rash without an excuse.
The first bell rings late.
Ruth Zimmerman without her lesson.
The Wyatts taking corners slowly.
Alfred Heusner without Wriggley's pacifier.
The staff on time with copy.
A conference slip without Stevenson's name.
Josephine L. attentive in chapel.
Rudolph without his dignity.
Charles Peck dressed up.
Rolland C. not making a noise.
Lessons after a holiday.

Old Timers Pulled Off at 3:25

An appointment with the dentist.
Weak eyes.
Sickness in the family.
Death in the neighborhood.
Out of town company.
Glee club practice.
Outside work.
Theme all prepared at home.
Lost assignment.
Parents request.
Text stolen from locker.

In English VII. Why did Thoreau leave the forest?

Marguerite N. He couldn't take it with him.

The Habit's Puzzle Page

The following dialogue has hidden in its context the names of seventeen members of the faculty. Do you suppose that you can discover these names?

The answers and prize winner for this month will be given in the March issue of THE HABIT.

Write your answers on one side of a sheet of paper and address it to the Puzzle Editor, HABIT in care o John Barker, Salina High School.

Near-Happiness

"And so, Mr. Chairman" finished "Stuff" Thompson, minority leader of the Eternal Bachelor's Club, surprised to think his preliminary works had not been interrupted, "I move you that we invite the feminine part of the high school faculty to picnic with us on Ludlow's Hill."

The one reason Mr. Thompson hadn't been throttled before his motion was made was that the majority

members hadn't believed he was serious. They, in fact, didn't grasp the significance of the thing until John Barlow had seconded Stiff's motion.

Before they had fully sensed the enormity of the question before them, a trim bachelor, a silver-quarter bald, arose and said, "Like Lancelot of old, I have an arm strong to deliver a fair damsel from the thralldom of the school room."

"Yes, I spy 'er now," said "Fat" Brown who had thrown up the window to allay his nausea induced by the honor suggested.

Several of the members hurried to the windows. The girl was indeed one of the teachers. "Gad," said one "What a gait!"

"She's a Hun, gait or no gait," put in a majority man. "Who wants a petticoat ruling him?"

"Order, order!" yelled the chairman, adding shouts to the clamor of the gavel.

"Aw cheese it, chair," called the chronically impudent Tony. "You always have an ism of one sort or or another. When you dropped your theism I thought not it would be to take up she-ism."

There were a few smiles at this but the shock had been too great to admit of much levity.

"Man," pronounced a gentleman who managed to get the floor, "can't be happy unless he has something ----someone," he amended, "to work for. "If I a had son, now- --"

At this point in his speech, "Spicy Stones," hurtling thru the air hit him just below the belt and effectively silenced him.

Then a thin dyspeptic man was recognized by the chair. "Gentlemen" said he, "No man can be happy on boarding-house diet, ham and eggs!! If I' ve a teacher who mentions ham I'll to Nelly say---"

"Sit down Idiot," said a man directly behind him and helped him follow the advice.

"Throw a tree at him," suggested some one.

A maudlin voice from the rear began to sing, "A gem I'll give to my lady love."

"Here, old top, get up and use your influence," advised a friend, seeing a new danger. "If women get a chance at us, they'll decree that ale or wine must be debarred."

Another advised, "Take a cubeb er - - - har! Winthrop was from the East and liked to preserve his dialect.) D. T. for you old chap, with or without. For us, why ten to one, we'd all take to drink if we had shirt-waists looking after us."

"St. Eckert! but you fellows make me sick," interposed a staunch member of the fast dwindling minority side. "Our plan is simple and feasible. We can send Tom as a messenger."

"If yer mean me, yer some mistaken."

"Not you, you red-headed slab-sided beefsteak Tom Malone."

"Gee! Melbourne, Sidney, Figi Islands or any place for me. I'll not be a messenger to any corsetted bunch of brains."

"Corsetted bunch of brains! Take that, you maligner of beauty." A well-dircted blow felled the impudent Tom.

Suddently blows were the order of business. Pound, pound, went the gavel. Slam, bang went the fists.

The distracted chairman turned to the faithful colored servitor. "Kline, connect me with the police."

However, there was no need for the police, for by the time Kline had the wire for the chairman, he was saying, "All opposed to the motion file out quietly."

In ten seconds the room was empty.

A New Contributor.

Exchanges

The Exchange Department of THE HABIT has received ninety-three different high school publications, from 33 different states all published in the month of January. Almost without exception the papers received show marked improvement over those received at the first of the year; reasoning from this we expect to see some splendid annuals.

AH LA HA SA, Albert Lea, Minnesota. The name you have chosen is particulary clever as it reminds one at once of the Albert Lea High School. The contents of your paper are well chosen, and the paper throughout shows a quality not generally found in high school publications.

THE PORT, Portland, Oregon. The department headings of the Port are splendid and the cartoons are worthy of comment.

THE RETINA, Toledo, Ohio. The Retina is one of our best exchanges. The only criticism is on the position of the Editorial Deparment. The Habit beleives it should come at the first, at least not in the middle where it is hidden.

THE ONAS, William Penn high school for girls, Philadelphia, Penn.-There is a noticeable lack of cuts, but your literary department atones for it by quality and excellence. Your publication would be more attractive and easier handled if the cover were the same size as the pages.

THE SIGNAL, Sisterville, W. Va. The Signal is a well organized publication, which could be used as a model by many schools.

THE REVIEW, Central High, Washington, D. C. It is not necessary to speak a good word for the Review as the paper speaks for itself.

THE GONDOLIER, Venice, California. A few cuts and cartoons would greatly improve your neat and newsy Journal.

HIGH SCHOOL COURANT, Bradford, Penn. Although the literary department is interesting it is much too large in proportion to the remainder of the journal.

COMMERCE, Omaha, Nebr. The mid-year number of the Commerce is an up-to-date edition. The editorials are especially good.

"Do you know May?"

"May who?"

"Mayonnaise."

"Oh, yes, I know whom you mean now. Well, I went to call on her one night and she wouldn't let me in."

"Why not?"

"She said she was dressing."

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Beware of



Max Linder the famous French Comedian has been engaged by the Essanay Film Company to star in a series of two reel comedies. While Charlie is the greatest screen comedian of today, it is a well known fact that he gained most of his notoriety while working under the Essany banner.

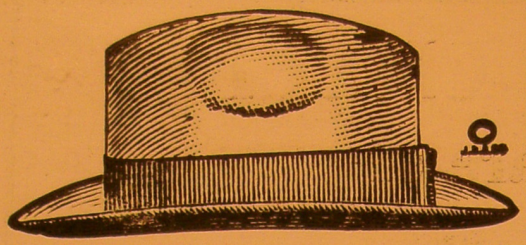
Without a doubt Charles Spencer Chaplin is the most popular comedian of today, yet it stands to reason that if he gained this reputation thru the Essanay Company great things are to be expected of Max Linder.

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